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1. WE BELIEVE LAST YEARS HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON THE NETHERLANDS, CONTAINED IN REFTEL A, REMAINS CURRENT AND SHOULD BE USED AGAIN.
2. IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO THE REQUESTS FOR OBJECTIVE AND SPECIFIC REPORTS WHICH WERE CONTAINED IN REFTELS B AND C WE SUGGEST THAT PARAGRAPHS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES BE ADDED:
3. ANY EXAMINATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD BE INCOMPLETE, HOWEVER, IF IT DISCUSSED ONLY PASSIVE ASPECTS -- STRUCTURAL QUESTIONS OF WHAT IS PERMITTED BY LAW AND REGULATION -- AND FAILED TO DISCUSS ACTIVE OR POSITIVE ASPECTS -- WHAT ACTIVITIES THE GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKES TO PROMOTE OR FACILITATE THE WELL-BEING OF CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS OF ITS TERRITORY. IN ANY SUCH EXAMINATION, THE NETHERLANDS ALSO HAS AN EXCELLENT RECORD. IT ACTIVELY PURSUES EQUAL RIGHTS AND EVEN SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR WOMEN, FOR MINORITY GROUPS, AND FOR THE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED THROUGH LEGISLATION AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE.

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4. IT WOULD ALSO BE NECESSARY, HOWEVER, TO EXAMINE THE ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES OF THE NATION'S POPULATION, BECAUSE EVEN THE BEST INTENTIONS OF A WELL MEANING GOVERNMENT CAN BE UNDONE BY RESISTANT OR UNCARING PEOPLE. ANY IMPARTIAL OBSERVER IS BOUND TO NOTE THAT THE DUTCH HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THEIR MINORITY GROUPS, PARTICULARLY MOLUCCANS, FOREIGN WORKERS AND SURINAMERS. SOME DISCRIMINATION EXISTS AGAINST THESE

GROUPS IN REGARD TO EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING AND LACK OF SOCIAL ACCEPTANCE. THESE PROBLEMS STEM FROM INDIVIDUAL ATTITUDES, HOWEVER, AND NOT FROM GOVERNMENT POLICY OR PROCEDURES; ON THE CONTRARY, THE GOVERNMENT DOES ITS BEST TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE SUCH DISCRIMINATION. THE DUTCH ARE AWARE OF THESE SHORTCOMINGS AND THEIR EXISTENCE DOES NOT ALTER THE FACT THAT THE RECORD OF THE NETHERLANDS IN HUMAN RIGHTS IS AND LONG HAS BEEN EXEMPLARY.

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